
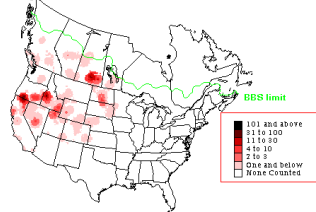


Western Grebe *Aechmophorus occidentalis*

		Summer range map	Winter range map
	Not Available		Not Available

Migration Status	Breeding Habitat	Nest Location	Nest Type	Clutch Size	Incubation	Fledge	Number of Broods	Diet
N/A	Wetland-open water	N/A	N/A	3-4	23 days	63-77	1	Aquatic Invertebrates, Fish

Identification Tips: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Length: 18? inches Wingspan: 40? inches ● Sexes similar ● A large, long-necked grebe with a long bill ● Bill greenish-yellow ● Red eye ● Black crown, face, and nape ● Black crown includes eye ● Dark blackish-brown back and wings ● White chin, throat, and belly ● White secondaries ● Feet set far back on body 	Similar species: Loons are larger with longer bodies and larger, darker bills. Horned and Eared Grebes are smaller with much shorter bills that are never greenish-yellow. Red-necked Grebe is smaller without the bold black and white neck pattern. The formerly conspecific Clark's Grebe is very similar but has a bright yellow bill. The dark crown of the Western Grebe extends below the eye, in the Clark's it is above the eye. The two species have distinctive calls: Clark's gives a simple "kreeet" while the Western gives a doubled note. Hybridization is known so atypical birds should be studied well for exact bill color and face pattern.
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